(a) the number of complaints/representations received from the Members of Parliament against ITDC during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the nature of each complaint/representation received since June, 1992 alongwith the date of receipt action taken and also date of intimation to the concerned;

(c) the number of complaints/representations still pending with the government for action to be initiated; the details of each such complaint/representation and also reasons for not disposing of the same in each case; and

(d) by when, Government are expected to set right the functioning of ITDC ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The number of complaints/representations indicating irregularities and operational deficiencies in ITDC received from Members of Parliament during the last three years are as under:—

Year	No. of Complaints/ representations
1990-91	5
1991-92	8
1992-93	13

(b)and(c) Necessary information is given in the Annexure.

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(d) All complaints/deficiencies brought to the notice of or detected/noticed by the ITDC management are looked into and appropriate remedial measures are taken expeditiously.

Directive related to imports through STC

512. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any directive from the Ministry of Commerce underscoring the need to source all imports through State Trading Corporation;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry is following the said directive in the case of Airbus purchase for Indian Airlines; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Ministry of Commerce advised Ministry of Civil Aviation on 3rd June, 93 to associate State Trading Corporation in the purchase of six A-320-200 Airbus Aircraft by the Indian Airlines, in order to drive meaningful counter-trade from the deal. Since the purchase of the six A-320 aircraft was part of an earlier agreement for purchase of 12 A-320 aircraft which did not envisage any counter-trade obligation, there was no possibility of the purchase through State Trading Corporation at this stage.

Increase in length of Kullu (Bhunter) Runway

513. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the length of runway at Kullu (Bhunter) airport;

(b) if so, whether any survey has since been carried out in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Extension of runway was not found feasible on the basis of recent survey conducted in April, 1993 by the National Airports Authority.

Promotion of Tourism

514. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the number of places in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan which have potential to promote tourism from the South-East Europe and middle-east countries; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for development of these tourist spots ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) According to a survey conducted during 1988-89, there were 9 places in Rajasthan, 4 places in Maharashtra and 3 places in Gujarat, which were popular with foreign tourists visiting the country:

(b) The development of tourism infrastructure in specific centres is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Financial

assistance is, however, extended by the Central Government on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Governments and availability of resources. The amounts sanctioned to Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Gujarat during the last two years were as given below:

State	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. Lakhs)	
	1981-82	1982-83
Rajasthan	181.38	153.31
Maharashtra	313.53	203.18
Gujarat	141.58	20.90

वायुदूत का इंडियन एयरलाइन्स में विलय

515. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :**
श्री एन. गिरि प्रसाद :
श्री एन. ई. बलराम :
श्री जे. पि. अवस्ति :
श्री महेश्वर सिंह :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने वायुदूत का इंडियन एयरलाइन्स में विलय कर दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या वायुदूत कम्पनी को भारी घाटा हुआ है, यदि हां, तो इसका वायुदूत में सेवारत कर्मचारियों की सेवा पर क्या प्रभाव पड़ा है;

(ग) अब तक वायुदूत की कितनी धनराशि इंडियन एयरलाइन्स को हस्तांतरित की गई है और क्या वायुदूत के कर्मचारियों को कोई पर्याप्त मुआवजा दिए जाने हेतु सरकार ने कोई सिफारिश की है ;

(घ) क्या वायुदूत हवाई सेवा के रद्द किये जाने से दूरदराज के उन क्षेत्रों पर कोई प्रतिकूल असर पड़ेगा, जहां कोई हवाई सेवा उपलब्ध नहीं है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) वायुदूत को इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के साथ मिलाने का निर्णय ले लिया गया है ।

(ख) और (ग) वर्ष 1992-93 तक वायुदूत का संचित घाटा 181 करोड़ रुपए होने का अनुमान है । वायुदूत के कर्मचारियों को उसी से वेतन और भत्ते मिल रहे हैं जो वे विलय के निर्णय से पूर्व ले रहे थे ।

(घ) जी, नहीं । इस विलय में दुर्गम स्थानों के लिये उड़ानों को रद्द करने की परिकल्पना नहीं की गई है ।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Rate of Exports and Imports

516. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the rate of exports at the time when liberalisation process was initiated together with year-wise figures since then;

(b) what were the rate of imports during the said period;

(c) what is the present position in respect of imports and exports; and

(d) what are the details of the steps being taken to boost exports and reduce imports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMERS AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The details of rate of growth of exports and imports since introduction of liberalisation of trade in July '91 are as under:

Period	Percentage Growth in US $ Terms	
	Export	Import
April-June, 1991	—6.57	—11.72
1991-92	—1.93	—19.42
1992-93 (Provisional)	3.61	12.05
April-May, 1993 (Provisional)	29.69	— 4.05

(d) In order to boost exports, the Government have taken major steps comprising liberalisation of trade which, inter alia, includes provision of export-linked imports, reduction of import licensing and removal of procedural irritants through simplification of Policies and procedures. In the 1993-94 Budget, the system of unified exchange rate has been introduced, customs and excise duties on many raw materials and capital goods reduced and interest rate on export credit has been lowered. Besides, 34 commodities have been identified as Extreme Focus Sectors for a special export thrust abroad.